



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#23-0078

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: February 7, 2023

TITLE: Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for a
Joint Study of Rail Infrastructure Alternatives at the New River - \$250,000 -
(Commission District 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County and authorize execution of the agreement, in substantially the form attached, for a joint study of rail infrastructure alternatives at the New River.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale, via Task Order Number One with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO), seeks to further evaluate the New River passenger rail crossing alternatives by utilizing the BMPO's library of consultants. The study will include seven tasks to further define and clarify previous studies completed by the Florida Department of Transportation.

The seven tasks include:

- Task 1 – Project Overview
- Task 2 – Rail Operator Engagement
- Task 3 – Capital Cost Analysis
- Task 4 – Operating and Maintenance Analysis
- Task 5 – Grant Opportunities
- Task 6 – Comparative Case Studies
- Task 7 – Assessment of Permit Feasibility

The City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County are partnering on the further analysis of the New River passenger rail crossing alternatives. The proposed Interlocal Agreement defines the terms and conditions of the joint partnership including the funding responsibilities which will be split evenly between the two parties. The City will provide funding, in advance, to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization and they will deduct the associated costs as the services are rendered. Broward County will reimburse the City at 50% for each paid invoice.

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact associated with this action in an amount up to \$250,000. The estimated project cost is \$500,000 with the City being reimbursed by Broward County for 50% of the expenses resulting in an anticipated \$250,000 cost to the City. The funding is contingent upon the approval of the February 7, 2023, consolidated budget amendment, CAM 23-0085.

Funds available as of December 2, 2022					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-8040-515-337-406	TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	INTRAGOV'T REVENUE / BROWARD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION	\$0	\$0	\$250,000
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		\$250,000

Strategic Connections:

This is Top 2022 Commission Priority, advancing the Transportation and Traffic initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 2: Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community.
- Objective: Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with partners

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Connected*.

Related CAM

23-0085

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Interlocal Agreement for Transportation Planning Services

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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